Mr. Ben Washburn, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. EPA Region 7, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219
Re: West Lake Landfill Superfund Site Public Testimony in Response to Proposed Plan Bridgeton, MO. 63044

February 25, 2018

Dear Mr. Washburn:

Thank you for this opportunity to inform you of the strong feelings I have regarding how to deal with the West Lake landfill's hazardous waste. As you know, this situation is the result of actions that few, if any of us, even knew about at the time the radioactive waste was unlawfully deposited.

I am grateful for the EPA's acknowledgement of the critical nature of clean-up of this site.

We are well past the time for safe clean-up to have occurred. This needs to be an immediate priority. Taking care of the residents and the entire area needs your attention, front and center, immediately!

Voluntary relocation should be made an option for residents living within one mile of the site who are most affected by the exposure to the radioactive waste.

Property Value Assurance should be made available for residents living within two miles of the site should they choose to sell their homes.

All radioactive waste must be removed for the short and long-term well-being of the people who live and work in the area, and for the well-being of the region, state and nation.

Pumps that are keeping the groundwater away from the toxic waste must be kept running for the allowable amount of time permitted under CERCLA. This amount of 1000 years may not even be sufficient in light of the fact that radioactive waste can be destructive for thousands of years.

Your acknowledgement that this site is dangerous and in need of remediation is well-received. Please make sure that this is done with deference to those living in the area today, and those who will to live here for the long term.

Sincerely,

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